

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Hierarchical Bit Stream Markup Compilation and Rendering

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 6, 2006**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2006. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected by the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this document.